

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/734,450

Examiner

Aaron Strange

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment submitted 7/29/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7, 9-13, 15-21, and 23, now renumbered 1, 2-6, 7-11, 12-18, and 19, respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

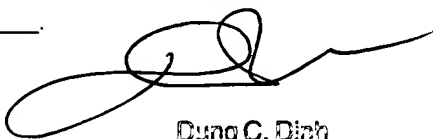
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


Dung C. Dinh
Primary Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sidney Johnston (Reg. No. 29, 548) on 8/19/2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:
3. In claim 7, **delete** "said computer readable medium containing" in line 2.
4. In claim 9, after "further comprising" in line 2, **insert** "instructions for".
5. In claim 10, after "further comprising" in line 2, **insert** "instructions for".
6. In claim 11, after "further comprising" in line 2, **insert** "instructions for".
7. In claim 12, after "further comprising" in line 2, **insert** "instructions for".

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 15-21, and 23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

9. With regard to independent claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 20, and 23, and their respective dependents, the prior art of record fails to disclose all of the limitations of the

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independent claims. Notably, the prior art of record providing a plurality of control blocks associated with a number of active connections a server is connected with and configured to control at least one server with the associated number of connections in a server list; causing each control block to point to a server; selecting the control block associated with the least number of connections; and selecting the server pointed to by the control block (He et al.; US 6,671,269). However, the prior art of record fails to disclose a system as claimed, and as enabled by the specification, where a metric is determined for each server by dividing the number of connections on the server by the capacity, storing the metric as a quotient/remainder pair, incrementing the remainder by one for every connection added to the server, and decrementing the remainder key by one for every connection removed from the server, and causing each control block to point to a server with the lowest value of the metric.

10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron Strange whose telephone number is 571-272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sung C. Dinh', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sung C. Dinh
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